

WILLINGTON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING October 28, 2010
7:30 pm at the Willington Town Office Building

1. **Call to order** 7:35
2. **Present to speak** – none

Present: Christina, Ed, Pam, Jim, Norm, Ralph, Carol. **Absent:** Mark

3. **Minutes** from Oct 7 approved unanimously.
4. **Discuss October 14, 2010 meeting at Library and presentation by Celtic Energy & ECG Engineering.**

Discussion themes:

- Will Town's pop buy into a Celtic E / ECG-type project before WEAC's work has demonstrated incremental changes through smaller steps, such as those discussed after initial energy audit?

Where's the savings?

Electric distribution rates going up, even though *current* generation rates ↓.

Engineers will find ways to ↓ kw.

Does Willington have enough to pay \$25,000 to Celtic for initial consultation?

Can grant be modified to pay for consultation fee?

Would Celtic reduce up front consultation fee?

Concern: could spend grant \$ on audit without getting any work done.

- Will Town's pop buy into a Celtic E / ECG-type project that allows us to jump to the head of class with a large project?

- E conservation should be ongoing continuum

- Whole E conservation process must be ever-green relating to most current green technology, so projects have a limited life-span.

5. **Town Office Building EECBG Grant project**

- show progress with grant

- Use grant for energy conservation repairs Track energy use changes

- During budget process (now) request CIP grant of \$25000 to retain E. consultant who will look for people to do work that will, (for instance) lower costs, reinvest costs determine Christina can ask CIP for additions.

Content of RFP

Ask consultant to find at least 4 companies

Companies must establish how they can meet town require

Consultant will recommend company

Company will analyze, provide oversight

Christina will ask Helen (Celtic) how process works.

Christina will search for initial consultant

- As agreed during WEAC meeting 9/21/10, remedial work will be put out to bid again. Remedial process will probably involve working with lead-based materials. Ralph will ensure that bidders are aware of that & factor same into estimates.
Ralph will put out to bid.

Decision on 9/21: send out for rebid window replacement main floor, attic, and items 1E & F, 3, 4, 5, 6 based on following:

Alternate #1 (replaces 1A – 1D) : Replace Main Level windows - include, and perhaps add upstairs windows to stop water leaks.

Bid pkg # 1 E & F – include – main entry door sweep, stairway door, etc.

Bid items #1G -1J - remove – foam insulation, vapor barrier inspection/ repair

Bid item #2 – remove - Roof insulation: common rm, rest rms, kitchen & storage

Bid pkg # 3, 4, – include - insulate ductwork & hydronic pipes

Bid pkg #5 – include –Air seal 2nd fl main bldg.

Bid pkg #6 – include - new door basem't entry.

Consider asking public works to do # 3 & #4.

6. Discussion town's electric contract:

don't get locked in for another year; choose shorter term for lower rate.

Norm recommends lock in winter 2° ↓e use in winter, ↑ in summer.

Deadline Dec 1. Lock in in a few weeks c Constellation (the best) Carbon tax may mess things up.

Ralph will monitor electric rates & lock in with first increase

7. Next meeting date NOT discussed.

8. Adjourn 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Springer
WEAC secretary